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## MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN

Correspondence Group on Monitoring, Pollution and Litter

Athens (Greece), 8-9 May, 2014

### Provisional Annotated Agenda



## Introduction

The Ecosystem Approach Roadmap (**EcAp Roadmap**), as agreed at the 18<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties, in Istanbul, 3-6 December, 2013 (COP18)<sup>1</sup> is following up on the hard work of experts in the three sub-clusters and as such, envisions the current biennium to focus on the development of an Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme.

As a first step towards this, the Integrated Correspondence Group (**Integrated CorGest**, 17-19 February, 2014) set the key direction by agreeing on a common set of indicators and specific recommendations to the Monitoring Correspondence Groups (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/Inf.5).

During the first meetings of the Monitoring Correspondence Groups (CORMON Groups, May-July 2014) monitoring experts focus their work on these common indicators, building on the Secretariat prepared General Monitoring Guidance (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/3); and on the specific Monitoring Guidances prepared on Ecological Objectives basis, following and addressing the common indicators list agreed at the Integrated CorGest.

The aim of the CORMON Pollution and Litter meeting thus is to

- (a) Discuss the options laid out in the Secretariat Monitoring Guidances, in order to find the best cost-effective and scientifically mature way of monitoring the common indicators of the pollution and litter cluster;
- (b) follow-up on the recommendations of the Integrated CorGest Group on monitoring, targeting specifically pollution and litter;
- (c) to give specific, more detailed monitoring related recommendations on the common indicators of the pollution and litter cluster;
- (d) Give recommendations, regarding EOs/indicators, which are not mature enough yet, but on which scientific developments and work in other International Bodies would suggest to include them already in early discussions.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.21/9

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### Day One / 8 May

**Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting (09.00-09.15)**

The Meeting will be opened by the Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

**Agenda item 2-3: Scope and purpose of the meeting and election of officers and adoption of the agenda (09:15-09.30)**

The Rules and Procedures for meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

The Meeting shall elect a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The Provisional Agenda (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/1) annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/2) will be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting.

Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting.

The Meeting is expected to adopt a list of Conclusions and Recommendations.

**Agenda item 4: General introduction of the Monitoring Guidance and process ahead on EcAp monitoring (09:30-10:00)**

The Secretariat will present its General Monitoring Guidance on common indicators, and provide more information on the EcAp monitoring process ahead, in line with UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/Inf.3, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/3, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/Inf.4 and UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/Inf.6 Information Documents . General comments will be addressed by the participants.

**Agenda item 5: Monitoring Guidance discussions in relation to Contaminants/Ecological Objective 9 (10.00-13.00)**

The Secretariat will present the draft Monitoring Guidance on Ecological Objective 9, Contaminants (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/5). Comments will be addressed by the participants

**Expected outcome:** The CORMON Pollution and Litter meeting will provide recommendations for further the work on EO9 monitoring, with specifically addressing key issues of description parameters, assessment methods, available guidelines to build on, reference methods availability, quality assessment and control issues and data availability/gaps.

**Agenda item 6 Monitoring Guidance in relation to Marine Litter/Ecological Objective 10 (14.30-17.30)**

The Secretariat will present the draft Monitoring Guidance on Ecological Objective 10, Marine Litter (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/6). Comments will be addressed by the participants

**Expected outcome:** The CORMON Pollution and Litter meeting will provide recommendations for further the work on EO10 monitoring. It will specifically addressing key issues of description parameters, assessment methods, available guidelines to build on, reference methods availability, quality assessment and control issues and data availability/gaps.

**Day 2 / 9 May**

**Agenda item 7: Monitoring Guidance in relation to Eutrophication/Ecological Objective 5 (09:00-11:00)**

The Secretariat will present its Monitoring Guidance on Ecological Objective 5, Eutrophication (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.394/4). Comments will be addressed by the participants.

**Expected outcome:** The CORMON Pollution and Litter meeting will provide recommendations on further work on EO5 monitoring, with specifically addressing key issues of description parameters, assessment methods, available guidelines to build on, reference methods availability, quality assessment and control issues and data availability/gaps.

**Agenda item 8: Key recommendations of the Correspondence Group on Monitoring, Pollution and Litter (14:30-17:00)**

Participants will conclude their key recommendations regarding monitoring of EO5, EO9 and EO10 and will have the opportunity to address additional general monitoring recommendations, including in relation to those EOs/indicators that are not included in the current list of common indicators.

**Agenda item 9: Any Other Business (17:00-17.30)**

Participants will have the opportunity to raise any other relevant business.

**Agenda item 10: Closure of the meeting (17.30)**

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 17.30 hours on 9<sup>th</sup> of May.

**DRAFT TIMETABLE**

<b>Thursday, May 8 2014</b>	
08.30 - 09.00	<b>Registration</b>
09.00 - 09:30	<b>Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting Agenda item 2-3: Election of officers and adoption of the agenda</b>
09.3 -10.00.	<b>Agenda item 4: General introduction of the Monitoring Guidance of the UNEP-MAP Secretariat and process ahead on Ecap monitoring</b>
10.0 - 11.00	<b>Agenda item 5: Monitoring Guidance discussions in relation to Contaminants/EO9</b>
11.00 - 11.30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.30 - 13.00	<b>Agenda item 5: Continued discussion on the Monitoring Guidance in relation to Contaminants/EO9</b>
13:00 - 14.30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14.30 - 17.30	<b>Agenda Item 6: Monitoring Guidance in relation to Marine Litter/EO10</b>
<b>Friday, May 9 2014</b>	
09.00 - 11:00	<b>Agenda Item 7:Monitoring Guidance in relation to Eutrophication/Ecological Objective 5</b>
11.00 - 11.30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.30 - 13.00	<b>Agenda Item 7: Continued discussion on the Monitoring Guidance in relation to Eutrophication/Ecological Objective 5</b>
13.00 - 14.30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14.30 - 17.00	<b>Agenda item 8: Key recommendations of the Correspondence Group on Monitoring, Pollution and Litter</b>
17:00 - 17.30	<b>Agenda item 9: Any Other Business</b>
17.30	<b>Agenda item 10: Closure of the meeting</b>